

January 27

Romans 9:4, 30-33

“Who Are Israelites?”



⁴ Who are Israelites;
to whom pertaineth **the
adoption**, and the glory, and
the covenants, and the giving
of the law, and the service of
God, and the promises;

³⁰ What shall we say then?
That **the Gentiles**, which
followed not after
righteousness, have attained
to righteousness, even
**the righteousness
which is of faith.**

³¹ But Israel, which followed
after the law of righteousness,
hath not attained to the law of
righteousness. ³² Wherefore?

Because they sought it not by
faith, but as it were by the
works of the law.

For they stumbled at
that stumblingstone;
³³ As it is written, Behold, I lay
in Sion a **stumblingstone** and
rock of offence:
and whosoever believeth on
him shall not be ashamed.

Who are the Israelites?
What does it mean to be an “Israelite”?
When it comes to eternal adoption,
concerning the glory and the covenants,
when we’re talking about the giving of
the law, the service of God, and God’s
promises, who is an Israelite?

Although they did not pursue
righteousness by the law,
the Gentiles obtained righteousness.

How? The Gentiles obtained
righteousness by faith. That is the

righteousness of faith. So then, all who pursue righteousness by faith are Israelites. That is the case regardless to physical lineage. And, indeed, that is a “stumblingstone”.

It is a thing which trips up those who put their hope of salvation in either **works** or in **ancestry**.